November 13, 2019 - Stony Creek Metropark
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Three intrepid birders braved the unseasonably cold weather to bird Stony Creek Metro Park on a frigid November day. It started out at a chilly 8 degrees and by the time we left it warmed up to a balmy 19 degrees. We saw 28 species with the highlights being a late Phoebe, a beautiful Red Fox Sparrow and two eagles which looked as though they were pairing up for the upcoming breeding season.

Stony Creek Lake had just two places where there was any open water of any size, the rest of the lake was frozen. The number of ducks and mergansers in these two areas was amazing. Hooded Mergansers were the most numerous waterfowl along with a good number of Goldeneyes, Common Mergansers, and a good variety of other ducks.
We really enjoyed the last Wednesday birding trip of the year and we are looking forward to doing it again next spring when it is much warmer. Breaking out your January’s clothes in November is a shock to your system. Please join us next spring when we guarantee it to be much warmer. The list of species seen is below.

Photos courtesy of Manny Salas

Wild Turkey - Meleagris gallopavo
Downy Woodpecker - Dryobates pubescens
Redhead - Aythya americana
Pied-billed Grebe - Podilymbus podiceps
House Sparrow - Passer domesticus
Red-tailed Hawk - Buteo jamaicensis
Eastern Bluebird - Sialia sialis
American Tree Sparrow - Spizelloides arborea
Mourning Dove - Zenaida macroura
Sandhill Crane - Antigone canadensis
Eastern Phoebe - Sayornis phoebe
Cedar Waxwing - Bombycilla cedrorum
Northern Cardinal - Cardinalis cardinalis
Wood Duck - Aix sponsa
Gadwall - Mareca strepera
Greater Scaup - Aythya marila
Bufflehead - Bucephala albeola
Common Goldeneye - Bucephala clangula
Hooded Merganser - Lophodytes cucullatus
Common Merganser - Mergus merganser
Red-breasted Merganser - Mergus serrator
Ruddy Duck - Oxyura jamaicensis
American Coot - Fulica americana
Bald Eagle - Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Red-bellied Woodpecker - Melanerpes carolinus
Blue Jay - Cyanocitta cristata
American Crow - Corvus brachyrhynchos
Black-capped Chickadee - Poecile atricapillus